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Flash Flood Watch-Heavy Rains Predicted



The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for Shelby County. High winds and heavy rains will begin tomorrow night and continue through Wednesday.

"We could have more than 3 ½ inches of rain. That will make driving hazardous. Those who live in areas prone to flooding need to be on the alert," said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Staff at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness will monitor conditions and be in contact with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. "Emergency Services Coordinators will be ready to respond," added Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

SKYWARN weather spotters are asked to report flooding to the National Weather Service. "Storm spotters are very helpful during rapidly changing weather events. Their ground-truth reports, along with law enforcement officers and emergency management officials, are a vital resource to us," said Gary Woodall, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

For more information about weather safety and preparedness, visit www.staysafeshelby.us or call (901) 222-6700.

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